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Fast Flu Drive Thru at the Sedgwick County Health Department

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) The main Health Department is holding a "Fast Flu Drive Thru" from 8:30 a.m. to Noon, Saturday, October 12, at 1900 East Ninth Street. This event is designed to promote flu shots to higher risk people, who have difficulties getting out of their cars.

Those in the "higher risk" category include: those who are 65 and older, those in nursing homes, those with a chronic illness or a weakened immune system, women in their second or third trimester of pregnancy, children age 6 to 23 months and those living with anyone in the higher risk category. Participants are asked to wear short-sleeved clothing to expedite the process.

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The Health Department will be closed to the public on Monday, October 14 in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday. However, Tuesday, October 15, the main Health Department, health stations and mobile health van will begin to administer flu shots to the general public. (See attached list of health stations and hours)

Flu shots will be administered free to those who show their Medicaid or Medicare cards and the cost will be \$10 for all others.

"We are glad that we can offer this health service to the community at a low cost," said Chairman Ben Sciortino. "This 'Fast Flu Drive Thru' is just another way the Sedgwick County Health Department is providing quality public health services to all of our citizens, including those who need this drive-thru convenience."

For more information on flu shots, contact the Sedgwick County Health Department at 660-7301.

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